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LB 97

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President and members. The motion that I'm making is to return this for a specific amendment that was brought to me by the Indian Commission after we advanced this bill from Select File, and it is not a huge amendment but it is one that they, in accordance with the four tribes, felt was a necessary amendment that they wanted. What it does is on page 3 of the...of the Final Reading bill, is it deletes the words "on appropriate tribal lands". And if you recall, we gave permission in this particular bill that the commission, in consultation with the tribes, would do the burial for Indian remains, and this is for remains that are unidentified by tribe. And what...what the original bill said was that they would be buried then on appropriate tribal lands. It has come to the attention of the commission that there are certain occasions when they may wish to bury those remains close to where they were found and that would be probably in a local cemetery. So it would do nothing to move those expenses back to the counties involved. It would certainly give...it would simply give one more option, that remains could either be buried on tribal lands or in another place chosen by the commission and the tribes. So I would ask that you would return the bill for that amendment, please.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate on the motion to return? Seeing none, Senator Schimek, you're recognized to close. She waives closing. The question is, shall LB 97 be returned for specific amendment? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 34 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to return the bill.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Bill is returned. Senator Schimek, you're recognized to open on AM1768.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members. I won't go into more detail but I would be happy to answer questions. The only thing I would like to say that one of the other proponents of this bill was the State Historical Society and they approve of the amendment and think that we should incorporate it into the bill. Thank you.